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MEETING OF TRUSTEES

The Board of Trustees met in regular session, all members being present.

The president asked if there was any proposition for electric lights and a proposition was submitted from the Department of Public Service of Los Angeles, which appears in another column.

The lobby of the council chamber was well filled with citizens.

The discussion following led the trustees to adopt a resolution to postpone action on the matter of letting a contract to the Pacific Light & Power Co. for lighting our streets for a term of five years, said contract appears in another column of this issue, also a letter which accompanied it.

The city attorney said the letter would not be binding upon the company or the city.

As the communication from the city was not addressed to the Board of Trustees, the board agreed to ask the Los Angeles Public Service Commission to submit a proposition for electrical energy to supply a municipal distributing system.

It was also suggested that the board secure the services of Mr. C. W. Koiner, electrical engineer for the Pasadena municipal plant, to design and make an estimate of cost for a municipal distributing system for Tropico, together with a full financial statement of what we could do here provided we got power from the city of Los Angeles.

It was also suggested that an effort be made to put all poles on rear of lots and in alleys so as to give our streets a better appearance and give the shade trees a chance and also have a joint pole commission with the wires of the Tropico municipal distributing system and both telephone companies, each one of the three lines bearing one-third of the expenses. Make a canvas of the city and find out how many would take lights or power, and when the whole proposition has been figured out, if it can be shown that it is a good business proposition, then go before the people and explain it in detail, then call a bond election.

If we should want to go into the city of Los Angeles soon and wanted the city to light our streets, the area now Tropico would have to be made into an assessment district and pay for the pole and wire lines, so that if we did not put in our own system now we would have to later on.

RESTAURANT LIQUOR LICENSE

Mr. Mason and sixty others presented a petition to the Board of Trustees for a restaurant liquor license. The city attorney advised the board that as there was a prohibition ordinance, a liquor license of any kind could not be granted, and that the ordinance also prohibited wagons from selling liquor, also that if evidence was presented to him of any such sale that he would certainly prosecute any offenders.

NATURAL GAS PIPE LINE

The city attorney informed the board that Mr. Overton, assistant counsel for the Los Angeles Gas & Electric Corporation, had suggested to him that a franchise may be needed for a natural gas pipe line to run through Tropico. After some discussion Mr. Baker said that he believed this franchise was worth as much as the oil pipe lines which was one thousand dollars and $250 per year.

TROPICO LIBRARY BOARD

Mr. Carmack of the library board reported to the trustees that library building propositions had been made by Mr. Davenport on Brand boulevard and Mrs. Richardson on Laurel street, both at $20 rental per month, and that he had favored the former until Mrs. Richardson made another proposition to build a building on a 90-foot lot on Central avenue just south of the Presbyterian church. The library board notified Mrs. Richardson that they would consider her proposition and if details could be agreed upon, would accept her proposition.

Mr. Carmack also stated that the library board expected to open the library to the public in the near future if a room and some one to look after it could be secured. No one is at present available, and if anyone is willing to attend to this matter you should see Mr. Carmack.

BAD CONDITION

The condition of the Southern Pacific crossing at Tropico avenue is bad, and the city engineer was instructed to see the proper officials and try and get them to make this crossing passable. The condition of Glendale avenue, on account of the elevated position of the Salt Lake tracks, is deplorable, several automobiles having been damaged in crossing there, and the city attorney was instructed to see the proper officials and have them get busy on the lowering of the tracks.

GET YOUR BUILDING PERMITS

There is now a building ordinance in Tropico and the building inspector applied to the board for printed blanks to use in attending to his duties; the matter was referred to Mr. Oliver and Mr. Hobbs.

The Water Question, Meters and Connections

Mr. Cole wished to have the Tropico Water Company make a water connection to his lot and they wanted to charge him $20. He went to see our city attorney, who told him to get a figure from any plumber. He did so and got a price from Mr. Jennings for $5.70. The city attorney went and saw Mr. Rogers, manager of the Tropico Water Company, tendered him $5.70, and after some discussion agreed to make the connection for this price.

In the future if you wish to make a connection, get a price from any plumber, take this amount and tender it to the water company's manager or agent, get a receipt from them, stating for what purpose you paid it. If they refuse to accept the amount tendered, wait five days and then get a permit from our street superintendent, for which no charge will be made; then go to the plumber from which you received the price and have him make the connection.

According to our new ordinance which went into effect on August 1, 1912, you do not need a meter, as the flat rate for an ordinary residence and lot is only $1.25, which is also the minimum meter rate.

The following demands were allowed:

Ruth M. Ford	$ 46.65
Ruth M. Ford	2.25
Edward Lynch	165.37
W. Marple	5.73
Frank & Ripley Co.	15.00
J. A. Light	5.00

POWER LINES VS. PARKWAYS

The street lighting contract submitted by the P. L. & P. Co. last Thursday to the trustees of Tropico gives them an absolutely free franchise for the use of the streets, alleys and parkways of Tropico for the erection of pole lines. The contract, after due consideration, was deferred until next meeting to enable the trustees to look into the matter more thoroughly, especially as to the feasibility of constructing our own plant.

One very strenuous objection we should make to the present proposed contract is regarding the blanket concession for placing of pole lines. This is primarily a resident district—we all have, or should have, enough civic pride to insist on nothing being done to spoil the beauty of the place.

We are practically all owners or tentative owners at least, of the homes in which we live, and I know that I for one would seriously object to having a pole line run down the parkway of my street and have the trees and palms I had carefully nursed for several years mutilated to accommodate the poles and wires, to say nothing about the view from my front porch of these poles, which are not to be called handsome by any stretch of the imagination. The alley or the rear of the lots is the place for the poles and that is where we can force them.

The proper thing to do is to have a competent (I said competent) electrical engineer make an estimate of the proposed system, based on alley and back lot pole lines, figure on cost of maintenance, operation, depreciation and interest on the investment and have these figures carefully considered by the trustees before the rush into a long term contract with the P. L. & P. Co.

The proposition as presented by them looks mighty good when compared with what we've had to pay the present outfit (which prices have been highway robbery); but see how these in turn would compare with a municipally owned system.

I feel morally sure the balance will be in favor of the municipal system. Put it in and we will be free from any entanglements regarding high-priced lighting service or arbitrarily located pole lines.

In connection with the pole lines on alleys and back lot lines I understand that the telephone companies are strongly in favor of those rather than lines on streets. Think of this in connection with a municipally owned plant, which means we would have a considerable drawback on pole installation expense.

O. E. CLEMENS,
134 Eulalia.

It will take 174 Street Lights to light the streets of Tropico fairly well, which at $1.00 per month is $174.00 or about FIVE times as much as the cost of power for these lights, if we accept the Los Angeles City's Proposal.

The electric lighting question is the main topic of study and discussion with every man, woman, child, and other intelligent animal in Tropico. Even the dogs are seen to gather under the Pacific Light and Power Company's high tension poles and s-peak with great emphasis. And, really and truly, any one of the outfit who can't calculate to the millionth part of a kilowatt the "peak load" or "off-peak load" he staggers under, is made to attend the next regular "bored" meeting or hustled off to Throop.

The case of the Tropico Water Company vs. the City of Tropico, to restrain the enforcement of the latter's water rate ordinance comes up again, this time on an amended complaint, before Judge Conrey of the Superior Court, as we are preparing to go to press. We notice that the valuation of the Company's property has swollen wonderfully since the filing of the original complaint. Its valuation then was $59,796.70; now it is $93,379.

How it is that the value of Verdugo canyon water should not figure either in the cost of its distribution or in the purchase price of the plants for its distribution to the inhabitants of Tropico and Glendale, is something somebody on the Glendale "News" hasn't the capacity to understand. The water of Verdugo canyon belongs to the inhabitants of Tropico and Glendale, as an appurtenance to the lands they occupy, for their domestic and irrigation purposes. Several water companies are engaged in the business of "common carriers" of this water. They are not its owners. They do not have it for sale. It is FREE to them to carry for hire. That is why we designate it as "free water." We can furnish the facts, but not the brains to understand them.

We are reminded of a serious error in our recent reference to the division of the spoils of office between the Eastsiders and the Westsiders of Tropico, which we hasten to correct: First, the division line between the two sections is not Brand Boulevard, but a parallel line 150 feet West thereof. Second, there must be taken from the patronage grudgingly given the West side and generously given to the East side, Mayor Bancroft and Health Officer Tholen, thus apportioning to the East side the "lion's share." Now do let us have peace.

Mr. J. M. Lampert has withdrawn as a candidate for the Assembly. His letter of withdrawal appears in last week's Glendale "News." The reason he gives for his withdrawal appears to be that if he remained in the field he would jeopardize the nomination of a candidate from the country, Mr. J. C. Sherer, of the "News," whom he prefers to Mr. Ready, of La Canyada. Mr. Sherer is a Taft man, Mr. Ready, a Roosevelt man.

PROPOSED CONTRACT BETWEEN TROPICO AND THE PACIFIC LIGHT & POWER CORPORATION.

1. That the first party agrees at its own cost and expense to install, maintain and operate a Tungsten Series Street Lighting System, said system not to exceed thirty-four (34) lamps at the time of the construction of such system, for the purpose of lighting the streets of the second party, acsame on one hour after sunset and turning the same off at 2 o'clock a. m. of each day.

2. It is also understood and agreed between both parties hereto that the first party shall, upon application from the second party, make extensions to this lighting system on the present existing streets of the city of Tropico at any time, providing that no less than ten additional lamps will be requested by the second party at every application.

All poles, pole lines and all circuits that may be required for such additional lamps shall be furnished and installed by the first party at its own expense. All extensions to be constructed, maintained and operated according to the specifications hereto attached.

3. The first party agrees to furnish one lamp for each fixture at the locations shown on the specifications hereto, but will furnish no lamps for renewals or replacement of lamps for any cause whatever, except that first party will replace all lamps originally installed by first party at any time that they do not burn the AVERAGE life of 1500 hours.

The first party will place in position without additional charge lamps furnished by the second party for the purpose of renewal, and shall maintain the reflectors in good condition and repair.

4. It is understood and agreed by both parties hereto that the rate to be charged for each lamp supplied, in accordance with this agreement is to be a flat rate of one dollar $1.00) per month; no allowance to be made for OUTAGE.

8. The first party agrees to have the work herein specified completed November 1, 1912.

9. It is further understood and agreed that this agreement shall be and remain in force for and during a period of FIVE (5) YEARS from November 1, 1912, and that the second 10. It is also understood and agreed by both parties hereto that should it become necessary in the building, by the first party, of extensions to its lighting system in the city of Tropico to TRIM TREES along the parkways of said city, that said trimming shall be done by the party of the first part

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Mrs. W. R. Light is enjoying herself at Huntington Beach.

Frank Ashton, Jr. and family returned Monday from a week's outing at Venice.

Mrs. Heaton will occupy Mrs. Forden's cottage on Tropico Avenue for an indefinite period.

T. W. Doyle of 891 South Glendale Avenue is at home from his alfalfa ranch at Rosamond, Cal.

Mrs. H. Normandy of Glendale took possession of her beautiful home on S. San Fernando Road.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Peckham have returned from San Francisco and have purchased a house in Glendale.

Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Jacobs of Pasadena were the over-Sunday guests of Mrs. Lenora Miller and Miss Marcella Miller.

Mr. Robert Renfro of Troy, Ariz., is passing a few weeks as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Brown, of Blanche Avenue.

Mrs. David Bardwell, who has been enjoying a month at Murietta Springs, returned to her home on Glendale Avenue the latter part of the week.

Mr. Chas. McKenney is passing 10 days at Avalon. He writes of landing after one hour's battle a 22-lb. yellow tail on light tackle. Charles is an artist in this line.

Go to the Tropico Stove and Light Co. for Gas Fixtures, Gas Lights and Supplies and rebuilt Gas Ranges, Hot Plates and Cook Stoves of all descriptions, 201 S. San Fernando Road. Sunset 292-J.

Mrs. W. S. Hedges entertained in honor of Mrs. O. M. Carpenter, who has just returned from an extended visit East, with a formal luncheon on Tuesday of last week. Covers were laid for twenty.

Mrs. Delia Hapgood and family, Mrs. George Peck, Mrs. Alma Dutton, Mrs. B. F. Burlingham and grandchildren will spend 10 days at Camp Dill G. A. R. encampment at Huntington Beach.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Herbert Smith and son, Seymour, of Central Avenue, left Saturday last for San Jose and the bay cities of the North on a visit of about two weeks to former friends and business associates.

In honor of Mr. Oliver M. Carpenter's birthday anniversary, August 5, Mrs. Carpenter entertained Los Angeles friends to the number of eighteen with a four course dinner, at their pleasant home on Park Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Van Gundy of Dayton, Ky., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Becker, corner of Central and Gardena Avenues. They are on their way to Tacoma, Wash., to make their future home. Dollars to doughnuts they return to Tropico.

W. K. Lee and family have become residents of Tropico and have their home in "Vine Cottage," 146 West Cypress Street. Mr. Lee is fumigator and sprayer for the Horticultural Department of Los Angeles County, having in his employ from 40 to 50 men.

Mr. and Mrs. George Ballantyne, former residents of Tropico, returned from Lankershim the first of the week for a few days' visit to their parents. Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Ballentyne, previous to taking their departure for their future home in Seattle, Wash.

Miss Cora Hickman of Tropico left on Tuesday for a visit to the old home. She went by way of Salt Lake, where she will make a short stop to visit a friend; then to Colorado Springs, where her brother resides, and on to Kansas City and Abilene.

Noble Ripley, the popular salesman and head clerk at the Davis Grocery Company, spent Saturday and Sunday at Long Beach. He was seen by some of our citizens on the big pier looking very lonesome with his watch in one hand and time card in the other, plaintively murmuring: "Oh, put me off at Tropico."

Willie Richardson and Burt Richardson, eldest sons of Mrs. Ella W. Richardson, left for Tamalpias Military Academy last Sunday morning by steamship from San Pedro. The young men are taking a complete course of physical and mental training, in that popular coast institution.

Mrs. J. C. Carter, of the Mission Lunch Parlor is having a brief respite from her cares and duties as her husband's assistant in his exacting business. She is house guest of Misses Minnie and Margaret Dixon, old time friends at Ocean Park. She has with her the two sturdy irrepressibles of the family.

Eugene L. Young took as Sunday guests Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Watson of Los Angeles, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Hoffman, Mrs. Z. Bathrick of Tropico and Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Robinson of Burbank, to a sylvan retreat in the mountains of Griffith park, where they rested for the day, returning at night with spirits renewed and bodies refreshed by the viands of a sumptuous barbecue prepared by Mr. Hoffman.

Joy reigned at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Stone Wednesday evening, when the Philathea class of the Presbyterian church gave a "shower" to Miss Alma Stone, the prospective bride of D. Kelty of Glendale, whose marriage is announced to be solemnized August 28. The rooms were beautifully decorated with greenery, red hearts and silver bells, and a basket holding the dainty offerings of the young friends was suspended above the table, and, at a given signal the ribbons were pulled and the contents were showered over Miss Alma. After a gala time of rejoicing, the party of twenty young ladies, with Miss Stone and Mr. Kelty, were served with ice cream and cake, thus rounding out the event in a very pleasing manner.

THE PASSING OF MARTHA WINNE

At last the summons hence has reached the widow of the late Chas. W. Winne. It came in the short hours of the morning of Sunday last in the room of the residence from which the old soldier left her eight years ago. Feeble in health, she has survived the long period by the simple force of her marvelous will power. She had passed her eighty-third year. W. P. Pratt, the executor of the estate of her husband's will, and Mrs. Pratt were with her in her last hours, assisting Mr. W. A. Ranger, the care-taker of her home place, and her relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Moody of Los Angeles, in ministering to her wants.

She was laid to rest at Grand View Cemetery, North Glendale, at 2 o'clock on Monday, the 12th of August, by the old soldiers of Grand Army Post of Tropico. It was by her request that no church services were held.

VALUABLE IMPROVEMENT PLANNED

Major John A. Payne, U. S. A., of Los Angeles, the new proprietor of the Logan Hall block and market building at the corner of San Fernando Boulevard and Center Street, has his plans completed for an entire remodeling and refashioning of these structures. The old market frame-building is to be torn away and replaced by a substantial brick, to adjoin the public hall building with its north wall as a partition wall. When completed the first floors of the two buildings will be connected for use as an up-to-date department store. The second story and possibly a third will be divided into living apartments of modern equipment and stylish finish.

PACIFIC ELECTRIC FARE REDUCED

It has come at last—has the reduction of fare on the Pacific Electric to Los Angeles, from Tropico, and return. It is now 10 cents one way. Heretofore it was 15 cents one way. The round trip rate reduction is yet to come, but it is expected to arrive about the first of September, if not sooner.

FRATERNAL NEWS

Tropico Lodge No. 902 of the Fraternal Brotherhood will give a hard time dance in K. of P. Hall, Wednesday evening, August 21. Regular admission 35 cents. Good music and a prize to the two best costumes. Ice cream and home-made cake will be served in the banquet hall.

The Knights of Pythias of Los Angeles and Orange counties will give a Basket Picnic, Saturday, August 31 at Redondo Beach. The car fare from Tropico or Glendale will be 60 cents for the round trip. All knights and friends cordially invited.

Dee Flanders of 516 N. Brand boulevard is passing several weeks on business at Fresno, Cal.

QUARANTINE NOTICE

OWING TO THE EPIDEMIC OF INFANTILE PARALYSIS IN LOS ANGELES AND AS A PRECAUTIONARY MEASURE TO PREVENT THE OCCURENCE AND SPREAD OF THE EPIDEMIC IN TROPICO, ALL PUBLIC GATHERINGS OF CHILDREN UNDER 15 YEARS OF AGE WILL BE PROHIBITED FOR A PERIOD OF 30 DAYS. AT THE EXPIRATION OF THIS PERIOD, IF NECESSARY, THE TIME WILL BE EXTENDED.

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INSPECTOR OF MARKETS

During the Year 665,778 Pounds of Fruit and Produce Condemned—the Inspector Points Out That 60 Per Cent of the Orange Crop Was Nipped by Frost Last Season.

Watching two big public markets, blocks apart, with 516 stalls; watching twenty commission houses, widely distributed; watching 600 grocers and hundreds of hucksters and peddlers of fruit and produce is the daily work of one man. This solitary official, who stands between 400,000 people and the sale of unfit produce is Frank W. Mefford, fruit and vegetable inspector of the city or Los Angeles. He is a subordinate of the health commissioner, who says Mefford's work is extraordinarily efficient considering the latitude and longitude of such a job for any one man.

To begin at daylight at the markets and scrutinize the large quantities offered for sale; then to make a round of commission houses, and during the remainder of the day inspect groceries and pursue hucksters anywhere within the 120 square miles of incorporate Los Angeles is one man's big job for the longest day; in addition it is necessary for this man to spend evenings studying the crop reports and conditions to discover the suspicious zones of production.

Greatest Fruit Consumers

Oranges alone give Mefford work enough for one man. He points out to his superior, the health commissioner, that 60 per cent. of the southern California crop was nipped by frost last season. This means eternal vigilance and unbending integrity to prevent this unfit food from reaching the Los Angeles consumers. Although Los Angeles is the center of the orange region, Mefford officially reports, the city is offered the "culls, rejects and frozen fruit while the select is shipped east." He also points out that Los Angeles consumes more fruit than any city of similar population and hence it is more difficult to check the frozen orange crop.

Frost nipped oranges are not detected except by opening and in one month—January 15 to February 15—76,000 pounds were condemned and burned in the city incinerator. But the inspector finds that the "majority of oranges were bought in the suburbs before reaching the markets and hence escaped inspection. Which leads him to suggest that three, not one, inspector is a small enough number to protect the buying public and to suggest, also, that Hollywood, San Pedro and other outlying districts should be just as carefully protected as the down town consumers.

How to Inspect Fruit

A large part, perhaps more than half, of the fruit retailing is done, both in the markets and outside, by alien races. These give the inspector most trouble first because they are hard to impress with the meaning of the laws and second because, if the meaning is made clear, they show contempt for it and usually try to disregard it or buy immunity. One Japanese whose carload of frozen oranges was condemned offered 5 cents a box to have the embargo lifted. Mefford's answer was the burning of the carload in the city incinerator.

After a year's vigilance Mefford finds that he condemned 416,978 pounds of fruits and 248,800 pounds of vegetables—enough to supply 500 families for a year had it been wholesome.

Though the bulk of the fruit and vegetables is inspected before it is taken out for retailing Mefford says householders can help inspection by the care they exercise in buying from vendors.

"Don't judge fruit by that on the top of the box or measure. Look at the bottom. That is about the last and best inspection," said he.

Sanitary use of vegetables is urged by Mefford because he knows the need of it.

"In this climate," he says, "great care should be used in the preparation of all fruit and vegetables. There is no rain to cleanse them during their growth and maturity, and they are subjected to disease germs by dust, flies, poisonous insects and other sources. Besides before reaching the consumer they are handled by many persons who may be unclean or diseased. Wash all fruit and vegetables thoroughly and if possible peel, too. Use only fresh fruit for canning; ptomaine poisoning comes from using partially decayed or wormy fruit."

—L. A. Municipal News.

ANNOYED BY FREIGHTERS

Slauson Avenue Residents Complain of Railways Use of Track.

Questions as to the right of a railroad company to use a switch as a team track when it is necessary for the wagons to load and unload from the cars while standing in the street, were discussed by the board of public utilities.

Complaints were made by property owners that the Santa Fe maintains a track of this nature in a strictly residence district on Slauson avenue. The switch is located on railroad property between Denver avenue and Hoover street. It is located close to the curb so that teams taking merchandise from the cars are forced to stand on Slauson avenue, which has recently been improved.

In addition to the complaint that the teams cut up the pavement at this point, the residents object to an industrial yard on a small scale being maintained in a residence district.

AIDS HARBOR BUILDING

Ordinance Amended to Permit Structures on Filled Ground.

Relief for property owners at Wilmington who are contemplating building was afforded by the council yesterday through an amendment to the building ordinance modifying the provisions relating to the constructions of buildings on "made" or filled ground.

Under present conditions, building is very expensive on the recently filled portion of Wilmington and the amendment to the ordinance will allow the construction of buildings upon tests being made showing the load per square foot which the "made" ground will sustain.

ADVOCATES SYSTEM OF RURAL DISTRIBUTION

A rural distributing system for the surplus water of the aqueduct, to be built by the city, is the solution of the water disposal problem proposed by the Public Service Commission in its statement to the mayor, accompanying the annual report. The water is to be sold indiscriminately to all applicants and as an evidence of progress along this line the commission reports that it has applications from the Glendora and San Dimas regions aggregating 1741 inches at not to exceed 2½ cents per inch hour. This is approximately $30 an acre. It is the plan to receive applications from all regions and conduit plans for the San Fernando, Cahuenga, Inglewood, Redondo regions, and Pasadena, South Pasadena and Alhambra, and other eastern regions in the San Gabriel valley are being prepared.

"Estimates will be made of the cost of the respective lines of various sizes. The cost of lines into the different districts, the amount of water applied for in the different districts and the price offered therefor, will be the determining factors in selecting districts to which conduits will be constructed and in determining the size of the conduits," said the report.

Want Highest Price

Through this system the commission hopes to bring out competition for the surplus water so that the city will get the top price for it. "The rates should be the highest rates which will dispose of all the surplus water," the report adds. This will avoid the arbitrary selection of territory by the commission and the possible danger of selling at only a negligible profit.

It is the purpose to open this application system to all regions. These applications do not bind the city to deliver water, but bind the applicants to use the water if the city supplies the region at a price not in excess of that stated in the application. If the applicant fixes a price at which the city will not sell water is not furnished.

As to power distribution the commission in its statement declares that it "is of the utmost importance that the city at the earliest possible moment acquire or construct a complete system for distributing" the aqueduct power. "This is in accordance to the wish expressed by the voters on several occasions," the report continues. It further says the commission "is of the firm belief that it would be contrary to the best interests of the city to lease the lines of the power companies as has been frequently suggested."

While provision for funds by a bond issue or by the assessment district plan is discussed neither is urged as the commission has yet to work out both problems. It favors the assessment district plan, if it can be made sound legally, and asserts that it will soon have an answer on this phase of the question.

Provision for the immediate acquisition of additional power sites along the aqueduct with a view to a large increase in the capacity of the municipal system when the population of the city and its environs shall have outgrown the present possibilities, great though they are.

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MAY LOSE SECRETARY.

Secretary of Harbor Commission is Likely to Resign Position.

Because the budget committee reduced the salary of the secretary of the harbor commission, Clarence H. Matson, who holds that position may give it up September 1. Matson did not definitely tell the commission that he would leave, but said that he did not want to feel bound to continue in the position at the reduced salary.

Until the first of July, when the fiscal year began, the salary of the secretary of the harbor commission was $250 a month. This is the salary A. P. Fleming received in the position. But when Matson was appointed to succeed Fleming the budget committee took the position that as Matson had not had as much experience as Fleming he was not worth as much salary and reduced it to $200.

WEED WAR FINANCES

Real Estate Experts Think $3000 is Enough to Start Cutting.

Unwilling to permit the "weed" ordinance to become ineffective through lack of enough money to carry out its provisions, the Los Angeles realty board and the Federated Improvement association petitioned the city council to appropriate the money required. The Federated Improvement association thinks $3000 may be enough, but the board of public works previously asked the council for $16,000 and the realty board suggests that the sum asked by the board of public works be set aside.

The weed ordinance requires the owners of all vacant property to clean off the weeds and rubbish during the last two weeks in August. If the property owners do not attend to the job the board of public works is given authority, beginning September 1, to do it for them and charge the cost to the property. The money asked for the purpose is a revolving fund as it will come back into the treasury when collected with the taxes.

REVAMPS FRANCHISE

Council Prunes Indeterminate Clause For Pacific Electric Railway.

Instructions to redraft the freight carrying franchise of the Pacific Electric railway east of Main street without including the indeterminate clause, were given the city attorney by the council yesterday. Councilmen Reed and Betkouski held out for the indeterminate feature, contending that that was the policy of the city as declared by the councilmen.

In the discussion over the indeterminate feature Ben Johnson, a warehouse man, told the council that he had the backing of capitalists to erect steel mills costing from $8,000,000 to $10,000,000, which would be built close to the ocean on the Pacific Electric lines provided the company was given a straight 21-year franchise to carry freight.

WILL REQUIRE $4,000,000

To Finance Los Angeles' Public Schools During the Coming Year, According to the Budget Agreed to by the Board of Education.

Nearly $4,000,000 will be required to finance the Los Angeles schools during the coming year, according to the budget agreed to by the board of education Monday night, and now in the hands of County Superintendent Mark Keppel for examination. If approved the supervisors will be asked to fix the tax levy to raise the necessary amount. It is the expectation of the board that a levy of 46 cents, the same as last year, together with the apportionment of the state school fund, will be sufficient.

The budget carries a total of $3,961,681 for both elementary and high schools, an increase of $1,169,679 over the budget of the preceding year. This is largely due to the increased area of the school district, due to annexations, to the addition of many new buildings and rooms, to the increase in night school work and vacation schools and other features incident to the general growth of population. The biggest item of increase is in salaries, which for both purposes aggregates $638,182, due to the necessary increase in teachers and the increase of salaries due to period of service.

For elementary schools $2,901,681 is asked. That amount expended last year was $2,360,378. Salaries for the elementary schools leap from $1,207,670 last year to $1,665,786. In addition supervisors cost $42,011. For evening schools and social centers $64,980 is asked; for new buildings $100,000, and for new sites $100,000. Nearly every one of the 33 subdivisions of the budget shows a large increase.

For high schools a total of $1,060,000 is asked of which $687,503 is for salaries against $507,437 for last year. For new building sites $50,000 is asked and $38,500 for equipment of new rooms.

So far there is no request for any bond issue. H. W. Frank, chairman of the finance committee of the board of education says none will be discussed until the one of last year has been expended and the results apparent to the people.

There is still to be expended out of the last bond issue $250,000 on the Boyle Heights intermediate school, which will be equipped with shops and manual training departments and $150,000 for the construction of the East Los Angeles high school, besides the completion of many of the buildings now in the course of construction and improvements to old ones.

Municipal Market is Advocated by Large Number of Citizens

Mayor Alexander's advocacy of the establishment of a municipal market has been the cause of many visits to this office by persons who know of the benefits of such institutions in other cities and they are arming the mayor with much information as to the various benefits and the different styles of management.

The mayor has asked his secretary, George Baker Anderson, to collect data with reference to the cost of establishing and maintaining a market here and also to investigate the experience of other cities with a view later of laying the whole subject before the council in a special message.

Many letters commending the market have also been received by the mayor. Some of the massert that its influence on the household supply will be the surest means of bringing down the cost of living.

TAX PAYER WINS.

Collector Discovers Delinquency Was On the Part of Uncle Sam

C. M. Taggart, city tax and license collector, has established a new precedent in tax cancellations, which assures taxpayers that even if Uncle Sam is a bit careless now and then their property will not be sold for delinquent taxes.

The tax collector asks that Certificate No. 54599 be cancelled, because the owner of the property has demonstrated that he sent a postal order to pay the taxes before they became delinquent. The postal order was lost and the owner had to wait a certain number of days before the government would issue a duplicate.

MAY VOTE ON SALOONS

San Pedro Likely to Have Special Liquor Election.

Not eager to fly in the faces of the pledges made to San Pedro before consolidation, the police commission referred back to the council the petitions from a number of civic organizations and churches, asking that a "dry" zone be established in San Pedro The commission calls the attention of the council to the fact that the charter gives citizens of any locality the right to vote on the liquor question for itself and suggests that the matter be put to a vote in San Pedro. The legislation committee will consider the suggestion.

The petitioners include the Friday Morning Club, W. C. T. U., Independent Order of Good Templars, Woman's City club, Church Federation and five San Pedro churches.

The "dry" zone they ask is in accordance with a state law which prohibits a saloon within four miles of public works outside of incorporated cities.

HOUSING COMMISSIONS WORK

The Housing Commission force during July made 752 inspections resulting in scores of new sanitary benefits and the demolition of one house count the abolition of five others as human habitations and the approval of 21 new ones. Plans for 11 new structures were approved and two others met objection until sanitary advantages have been included.

The city clerk has notified the council that the contracts for engine distillate will expire September 1 and for printing street notices September 15. Bids for these supplies will be asked.

DRY DOCK COMPANY SEEKS HARBOR SITE

Officers of the Los Angeles Dry Dock company appeared before the harbor commission to press their request that they be granted a location on the west side of the west channel on the outer harbor. The harbor commission withheld action until the plans for the development of the city's 146 acres of outer harbor frontage have been received from Goodrich. The company proposes to build either a floating dry dock or marine railways with shipping yards and machine shops to cost about $500,000. The company has not completed its plans and will go no further until it is assured of a location.

Lack of funds made it necessary for the harbor commission to decline the government's suggestion that the city join in the expense of building a bulkhead on the tidelands near the turning basin to hold dredged material from the basin. Secretary Clarence H. Matson conveyed this information to Col. McKinstry in charge of the government engineering corps in Los Angeles and Col. McKinstry said that he would continue to pump the dredged material across Terminal Island and would dredge the turning basin in such a way as to give access to the channel to be dredged by the city west of Mormon Island.

The Outer Harbor Dock & Wharf company was granted a permit to build an extension to its warehouse with the special stipulation that the city was not bound to recognize that the company had any rights to the land it claims because of the building permit. The Outer Harbor company is located on the Miner fill, which the city hopes to recover.

G. W. Gates offered to sell to the commission his launch "Edna B", or build a new boat to suit the commission's needs. Plans and specifications for a boat for harbor officers are being drawn by the city engineer and action on the offer was withheld until they are completed.

Clara A. Ertzberger has been appointed clerk of the harbor commission to succeed Myrtle Heinecke, who resigned August 1.

WILL BOND HOPE STREET

Property Owners Relieved of Paying Cash for Improvement.

Bonds for the improvement of Hope street between First and Third will be issued in spite of the fact that the ordinance for the work left out the bond provision. The council yesterday instructed the city attorney to furnish the city tax and license collector a written opinion that he could issue bonds.

When the final ordinance for the work was adopted the deputies in the tax collector's office mailed notices to the property owners in the assessment district that they could pay their assessments in five or ten year bonds. When the first application for bonds was made it was found the bond feature had been left out of the ordinance and it appeared the property owners would have to pay their entire assessments in cash. As the average assessment is $440 it fell heavy on them and some feared they would have to sacrifice their property.

WOULD BUY SHOVEL.

Park Department Wants Immediate Action on Machine For Road Work.

Members of the supply committee of the council looked askance at the proposition of the park department to purchase a second-hand steam shovel to assist in the road work planned for Griffith park. Councilman Betkouski of the committee was inclined to favor buying a new shovel rather than a second-hand one, if one was necessary.

He thought, however, that the department might better wait until the aqueduct was completed when shovels would be available from that source. C. T. Herbert, secretary, and Frank Shearer, superintendent, of the park department, presented figures to the committee to show that a big saving would be effected in the work planned for the coming fiscal year and urged the purchase of a second-hand machine now in Idaho, provided an inspection shows it to be in good condition.

TO START CONDEMNATION

Strip of Land Wanted to Widen Street at Wilmington.

Condemnation proceedings to acquire from the board of education a strip of land needed for the widening of Canal street in the Wilmington district will be started by the city, although the board is willing to deed the land without cost.

The city attorney held that the board was without power to execute the deed unless directed by a vote of the school district and said the quickest and most satisfactory way to acquire it would be to start condemnation proceedings, which would not be obstructed by the board.

The board of public works decided to adopt this policy in all similar cases.

POSTPONE REALTY MEETING.

Because the vacation period threatened to prevent many from attending the Eighth annual meeting of the California State Realty Federation, that meeting has been postponed from August 15, 16, 17 to October 10. Secretary Stafford says the postponement insures the large attendance impossible at a time when most of the members are taking a well-earned rest. The Los Angeles Realty Board is to make use of the extension of time in amplifying the features of the program for the big week.

NEW CHARTER MAKERS

Law Committee Boils Down First Draft—Progress Slow—Railway Men Will Participate in Discussion.

Franchise provisions are occupying most of the attention of the city board of freeholders and when this highly important feature has been dealt with to the satisfaction of the board the new city charter will be all but complete. Work on the charter is not expected to advance as rapidly during the first part of August as it will during September. Three of the most active members of the board are in Chicago attending the Chicago convention. They are Dr. John R. Haynes, Meyer Lissner and H. W. Brundige. Lewis R. Works is enjoying a month's vacation and Charles Wellborn has been sick, but expects to be back on the job this week.

The special franchise committee expects to have its work completed by Friday and if its expectation is realized a general hearing on the question will be held at which the public service corporation, the chamber of commerce, the Los Angeles Realty Board and other organizations that have evinced an interest in the charter's franchise provisions will be asked to state their views on the matter.

Boil it Down

The law committee is going over the second draft of the charter with a view to cutting "it down as much as possible and placing some of its provisions in the administrative code. When this boiling process is completed the charter will be voted on, section by section.

Because of the absence of several members only one meeting of the board was held last week. At that meeting John P. Austin, an architect, suggested that the charter provide for a permanent advisory construction committee, similar to the building ordinance committee that is now revising the building ordinance. His plan was referred to the law committee.

The board agreed to change the city's fiscal year which begins July 1, to January 1 to coincide with the calendar year, if the state legislature will change a state law to that effect.

C. M. Taggart, city tax and license collector, suggested a number of changes in the charter bearing on tax collection. One of them was to allow a discount of two per cent to taxpayers who paid the second installment at the same time they paid their first installment. The matter was referred back to Taggart for further information.

Ray E. Nimmo, assistant prosecuting attorney, suggested certain changes to be made in the police judge and jury system. The present system, he said, made it extremely difficult to secure convictions in police court jury cases, because of the antagonistic attitude of the jurors. These jurors receive no fees and they blame the prosecution for keeping them from their work.

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TO DOUBLE TRACK MAIN

Council Receives Application For Franchise in Moneta District.

Application was made yesterday to the city council by the Los Angeles Railway corporation for a double track railway on South Main street from its junction with Moneta avenue to Slauson avenue.

Although the board of public utilities has indicated the terms under which it will recommend a franchise the application was referred to the board as required by the charter.

An ordinance abandoning the paving of Main street from Thirty-sixth place to Manchester avenue was vetoed by Mayor Alexander and his veto was referred to the streets committee for investigation, the councilmen declaring they never authorized the preparation of such an ordinance.

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I looked down at a strange, fascinating soul, a fearsome personality, whose like I never knew in all my life.

"Will you make me a promise?" he said, smiling at me, mocking at me.

"No," I answered.

"I was going to ask you after my death to take my heart and send it back to my people at Orme castle, Gordon Arms, in England—you know where. It would be a kindness to the family." I gazed at him in a sort of horror, but he smiled and went on. "We're medieval today as ever we were. Some of us are always making trouble, one corner or the other of the world, and until the last Gordon heart comes home to rest there's no peace for that generation. Hundreds of years they've traveled all over the world and been lost and stolen and hidden. My father's is lost now somewhere. Had it come back home to rest my own life might have been different. I say, Cowles, couldn't you do that for me?"

It is not for me to say whether or not I made a promise to Gordon Orme or to say whether or not things medieval or occult belong with us today. Neither do I expect many to believe the strange truth about Gordon Orme. I only say it is hard to deny those about to die.

"Orme," I said, "I wish you had laid out your life differently. You are a wonderful man."

"The great games," he smiled—"sport, love, war!" Then his face saddened. "I say, have you kept your other promise to me?" he asked. "Did you marry that girl—what was her name—Miss Sheraton?"

"Miss Sheraton is dead."

"Married?" he asked.

"No. She died within two months after the night I caught you in the yard. I should have killed you then, Orme."

He nodded. "Yes, but at least I showed some sort of remorse—the first time, I think. Not a bad sort, that girl, but madly jealous. Fighting blood, I imagine, in that family."

"Yes," I said, "her father and brother and I, all three, swore the same oath."

"The same spirit was in the girl," he said, nodding again. "Revenge—that was what she wanted. That's why it all happened. It was what I wanted too. You blocked me with the only woman"—

"Do not speak her name," I said to him quietly. "The nails on your fingers are growing blue, Orme. Go with some sort of squaring of your accounts."

He shrugged a shoulder. "My Swami said we do not die—we only change worlds or forms. What! I, Gordon Orme, to be blotted out—to lose my mind and soul and body and senses—not to be able to enjoy! No, Cowles, somewhere there are other worlds, with women in them. I do not die—I transfer." But sweat stood on his forehead.

"You're an awfully decent sort. Give me a bit of paper. I want to write." I found him a pencil and some pages of my notebook.

"To please you, I'll try to square some things," he said. "You've been so deuced square and straight with me all along. I'm—I'm Gordon, now, I'm English. Word of a fighting man, my—my friend."

He leaned forward, peering down at the paper as though he did not clearly see, but he wrote slowly for a time, absorbed in thought.

In all the death scenes which our country knew in thousands during those years I doubt if any more unbelievable than this ever had occurrence. I saw the blood soaking all his garments, lying black on the ground about him. I saw his face grow gray and his nails grow blue, his pallor deepen as the veins lost their contents. I saw him die. But I swear that he still sat there, calm as though he did not suffer, and forced his body to do his will, at last smiling again as he looked up. "Fingers getting dreadfully stiff. Tongue will go next. Muscles still under the power for a little time. Here, take this. You're going to live, and this is the only thing. It'll make you miserable, but happy too. Goodby. I'll not stop longer."

Like a flash his hand shot out to the weapon that lay near him on the ground. I shrank back, expecting the ball full in my face. Instead it passed through his own brain.

At last I rubbed the blood from my own face and stooped to read what he had written. Then I thanked God that he was dead. These were the words:

I, Gordon Orme, dying July 21, 1861, confess that I killed John Cowles, Sr., in the month of April, 1860, at the road near Wallingford. I wanted the horse, but had to kill Cowles. Later took the money. I was a secret agent detailed for work among U. S. army men.

I, Gordon Orme, having seduced Grace Sheraton, asked John Cowles to marry her to cover up that act.

I, Gordon Orme, appoint John Cowles my executor. I give him what property I have on my person for his own. Further I say not, and, being long ago held as dead, I make no bequests as to other property whatsoever. GORDON ORME.

In Virginia, U. S. A.

It was he, then, who had in cold blood killed my father! That horrid riddle at last was read. In that confession I saw only his intent to give anger and insisted that she wanted to see the "boss."

"I am the colonel in command right here, Aunt Mandy," I said. "Won't I do?"

"You a kunnel?" she retorted. "Looks to me like kunnels is mighty easy made if you'll do. No; we're after Ginral Meriwether, who's comin' here to be the real boss of all you folks. Say, man, you taken away my man and my boy. Where they at?"

"With me here." I was glad to answer, "safe and somewhere not far away. The boy is wounded, but his arm is nearly well."

"Ain't got 'nuff fightin' yit?"

"No; both he and Auberry seem to be just beginning."

"Humph! Reckon they're happy, then. If a man's gittin' three squares a day and plenty o' fightin', don't see whut more he kin ask."

"Corporal," I called to my sentry, who was now pacing back and forth before the door, hiding his mouth behind his hand, "put this woman under arrest and hold her until I return. She's looking for Privates Auberry and McGovern, G company, First Virginia volunteers. Keep her in my office while they're sent for. Bring me my bag from the table."

It was really a pretty fight, that between Mandy and the corporal. The latter was obliged to call out the guard for aid. "Sick 'em, Pete!" cried Mandy when she found her arms pinioned, and at once there darted out from under the cart a hairy little demon of a dog, mute, mongrelish, pink eared, which began silent havoc with the corporal's legs.

I looked again at that dog. I was ready to take it in my arms and cry out that it was my friend. It was the little Indian dog that Ellen and I had tamed. Why, then, had she kept it? Why had she brought it home with her? I doubt which way the contest would have gone had not Mandy seen me climb into her vacated seat and take up the reins. Pete then stolidly took up his place under the cart.

We turned and drove back up the shady street, Ellen and I. I saw her fingers twisting together in her lap, but as yet she had not spoken. The flush on her cheek was deeper now. She beat her hands together softly, confused, half frightened, but she did not beg me to leave her.

"If you could get away," she began at last, "I would ask you to drive me back home. Aunt Mandy and I are living there together. Kitty Stevenson's visiting me—you'll—you'll want to call on Kitty. My father has been in east Kentucky, but I understand he's ordered here this week. Major Stevenson is with him. We thought we might get word and so came on through the lines."

"You had no right to do so. The pickets should have stopped you," I said. "At the same time, I am very glad they didn't."

"So you are a colonel," she said after a time, with an army girl's nice reading of insignia.

"Yes," I answered, "I am an officer. Now if I could only be a gentleman!"

"Don't!" she whispered. "Don't talk in that way, please."

"Do you think I could be?"

"I think you have been," she whispered, all her face rosy now. Then she pointed to a mansion house on a far off hill—such a house as can be found nowhere in America but in this very valley—an old family seat, lying reserved and full of dignity at a hilltop shielded with great oaks.

"That is our home," she said. "We have not often been here since grandfather died, and then my mother. But this is the place that we Meriwethers all call home."

As we approached the gate I heard behind us the sound of galloping horses. There came up the road a mounted officer, with his personal escort, an orderly, several troopers and a grinning body servant.

"Look, there he comes! It is my father!" exclaimed Ellen. And in a moment she was out of the cart and running down the road to meet him, taking his hand, resting her cheek against his dusty thigh, as he sat in saddle.

The officer saluted me sharply. "You are outside the lines," said he. "Have you leave?"

I saluted also and caught the twinkle in his eye.

"On detached service this morning, general," I said. "If you please, I shall report to you within the hour."

He wheeled his horse and spurred on up along his own grounds, fit master for their stateliness. A wide seat lay beneath one of the oaks. We wandered thither, Ellen and I. The little dog, mute, watchful, kept close at her side.

"Ellen," said I to her, "the time has come now. I am not going to wait any longer. Read this." I put into her hand Gordon Orme's confession.

She read, with horror starting on her face. "What a scoundrel—what a criminal!" she said. "The man was a demon. He killed your father!"

"Yes, and in turn I killed him," I said slowly. Her eyes flashed. She was savage again as I had seen her. My soul leaped out to see her fierce, relentless, exulting that I had fought and won, careless that I had slain.

"Orme did all he could to ruin me in every way," I added. "Read on." Then I saw her face change to pity as she came to the next clause. So now she knew the truth about Grace Sheraton and, I hoped, the truth about John Cowles.

"Can you forgive me?" she said brokenly, her dark eyes swimming in tears as she turned toward me.

"That is not the question," I answered slowly. "It is, Can you forgive me?" Her hand fell on my arm imploringly.

"I have no doubt that I was much to blame for that poor girl's act," I the table. The old familiar words looked up at me again solemnly. Again I felt my heart choke my throat as I read: "I, John Cowles—I, Ellen Meriwether—take thee—take thee—until death do us part."

I handed her a pencil. She wrote slowly, freakishly, having her maiden will; and it seemed to me still a week to a letter as she signed. But at last her name stood in full—E-l-l-e-n M-e-r-i-w-e-t-h-e-r.

"General," I said, "this indenture witnesseth! We two are bound by it. We have 'consented together in holy wedlock.' We have 'witnessed the same before God.' We have 'pledged our faith, either to other.'"

He dashed his hand across his eyes; then, with a swift motion, he placed our hands together. "My boy," said he, "I've always wanted my girl to be taken by an army man—an officer and a gentleman. Dash it, sir!—I beg your pardon, Ellen—give me that pencil. I'll sign my own name. I'll witness this myself! There's a regimental chaplain with our command—if we can't find a preacher left in Charlottesville."

"Orderly!" I called, with a gesture asking permission of my superior.

"Yes, orderly," he finished for me, "get ready to ride to town. We have an errand there." He turned to us and motioned us as though to ownership, bowing with grave courtesy as he himself left the room. I heard the chatter of Mrs. Kitty greet him. I was conscious of a grinning black face peering in at a window—Annie, perhaps. They all loved Ellen.

But Ellen and I, as though by instinct, stepped toward the open door, so that we might again see the mountain tops.

I admit I kissed her!

THE END.

NOTICE INVITING STREET WORK PROPOSALS

Pursuant to Statutes, and to Resolution 82 of the Board of Trustees of the City of Tropico, California, adopted the 18th day of July, 1912, directing this notice, the undersigned invites, and will receive at his office in the City Hall, in the Bank of Tropico Building, located at the junction of Central Avenue and San Fernando Road in the City of Tropico, up to 7 o'clock P. M. of Thursday, August 15, 1912, sealed proposals or bids for the following street work to be done according to the plans and specifications posted and on file therefor adopted, or herein mentioned, to-wit:

First: That all that portion of Moore avenue from the southerly prolongation across Moore avenue of the east line of Dunbarton St. to the Easterly line of Glendale avenue, be graded, tamped and oiled in accordance with the plans and profiles on file in the office of the City Engineer, and specifications for the grading and oiling and tamping of streets on file in the office of the City Clerk of the City of Tropico, said specifications being numbered 9.

Second: That a cement curb shall be constructed along each line of the roadway of Moore avenue from the southerly prolongation across Moore avenue of the east line of Dunbarton street to the easterly line of Glendale avenue, including returns at all street intersections, in accordance with the specifications for the construction of cement curbs on file in the office of the City Clerk of the City of Tropico, said specifications being numbered 2.

Third: That a cement sidewalk five (5) feet in width be constructed along both sides of Moore avenue from the southerly prolongation across Moore avenue of the east line of Dunbarton street to the easterly line of Glendale avenue including returns at all street intersections, said sidewalks to be constructed according to the specifications for the construction of cement sidewalks on file in the office of the City Clerk of the City of Tropico, said specifications being numbered 1.

Section 2—The Board of Trustees of the City of Tropico determines that serial bonds shall be issued to represent assessments of twenty-five dollars ($25.00) or over for the cost of said work or improvement; said serial bonds shall extend over a period ending nine (9) years from and after the second day of January next succeeding the date of said bonds, and an even annual proportion of the principal sum thereof shall be payable, by coupon, on the second day of January every year after their date until the whole is paid, and the interest shall be payable semi-annually, by coupon, on the second days of January and July, respectively, of each year, at the rate of seven (7) per cent. per annum on all sums unpaid, until the whole of said principal and interest are paid. Said bonds shall be issued in accordance with the provisions of an Act of the Legislature of the State of California, entitled: "An Act to provide a system of street improvement bonds to represent certain assessments for the cost of street work and improvement within municipalities, and also for the payment of such bonds," approved February 27, 1893, and of all acts supplementary thereto or amendatory thereof.

Bidders must file with each proposal or bid a check payable to the order of the President of the Board of Trustees of the City of Tropico, certified by a responsible Bank, for an amount which shall not be less than ten per cent of the aggregate of the proposal, or a bond for the said amount, and so payable, signed by the bidder and two sureties who shall justify before any officer competent to administer oaths, for double the said amount, and over and above all statutory exemptions. In bidding, use blanks which will be furnished by the City Clerk upon application.

Tropico, California, August 6th, 1912.

S. M. STREET,
City Clerk and Ex-officio Clerk of the Board of Trustees of the City of Tropico, California.

NOTICE INVITING STREET WORK PROPOSALS

Pursuant to Statutes, and to Resolution 83 of the Board of Trustees of the City of Tropico, California, adopted the 18th day of July, 1912, directing this notice, the undersigned invites, and will receive at his office in the City Hall, in the Bank of Tropico Building, located at the junction of Central avenue and San Fernando road in the City of Tropico, up to 7 o'clock P. M. of Thursday, August 15, 1912, sealed proposals or bids for the following street work to be done according to the plans and specifications posted and on file therefor adopted, or herein mentioned, to-wit:

First: That those portions of the east roadway and of the west roadway of Brand boulevard, as said roadways are defined in paragraph second hereof, between the north city boundary line of the City of Tropico and the north line of Park avenue, including all intersections of streets (excepting such portion of said street and intersections as are required by law to be kept in order or repair by any person or company having railroad tracks thereon) be graded, tamped and oiled in accordance with the plans and profiles on file in the office of the City Clerk of the City of Tropico, said specifications being numbered 9.

Second: That from the north city boundary line of the City of Tropico to the north line of Park avenue, a cement curb shall be constructed along the east side of the east roadway of said Brand boulevard, (including returns at all street intersections), 12 feet from the easterly line of Brand boulevard (excepting along that portion of the east line of the east roadway along which a cement curb has already been constructed to the official line and grade) and that from the north city boundary line of the City of Tropico to the north line of Park avenue a cement curb shall be constructed along the west side of the west roadway of said Brand boulevard (including returns at all street intersections) 12 feet from the west line of said Brand boulevard, (excepting along that portion of the west line of the west roadway along which a cement curb has already been constructed to the official line and grade.)

The term "East Roadway" herein mentioned refers to that portion of Brand boulevard lying between the east line of the right-of-way of the Los Angeles Interurban railway and the east line of Brand boulevard.

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Third: That a cement curb be constructed upon said Brand boulevard along both sides of the right-of-way of the Los Angeles Interurban railway, and to be located twenty-one (21) feet from and parallel with the center line of said right-of-way. Said above mentioned cement curbs shall be constructed in accordance with the specifications for the construction of cement curbs on file in the office of the City Clerk of the City of Tropico, said specifications being numbered 2.

Fourth: That a cement sidewalk five (5) feet in width be constructed along the west line of Brand boulevard from the north city boundary line of the City of Tropico to the north line of Park avenue (excepting along such portions of said Brand boulevard upon which a cement sidewalk five (5) feet in width has already been constructed to the official line and grade), and that a cement sidewalk four (4) feet in width be constructed along the east line of Brand boulevard from the North City boundary line of the City of Tropico to the north line of Park avenue (excepting along such portions of said Brand boulevard upon which a cement sidewalk four (4) feet or more in width has already been constructed to the official line and grade), said sidewalk to be constructed according to the specifications for the construction of cement sidewalks on file in the office of the City Clerk of the City of Tropico, said specifications being numbered 1.

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Tropico, California, August 6th, 1912.

S. M. STREET,
City Clerk and Ex-officio Clerk of the Board of Trustees of the City of Tropico, California.

NOTICE OF SALE OF TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH FRANCHISE

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Notice is hereby given that an application has been made to the Board of Trustees of the City of Tropico, California, for a Telephone and Telegraph franchise granting the right to construct and for a period of twenty-one (21) years to maintain and operate a Telephone and Telegraph system for commercial and other purposes along the streets, alleys, lanes, highways and other public places in the City of Tropico, County of Los Angeles, State of California, together with the appurtenant rights thereto, hereinafter mentioned; and that it is proposed by said Board of Trustees to offer for sale and grant to the highest bidder, said franchise, upon the following terms and conditions:

1. The grantee of said franchise, his or its successors or assigns, shall in good faith, within four months from the granting thereof, begin the work of erecting or laying telephone or telegraph wires and the erection, construction and extension of the equipment for the business to be conducted under said franchise; and shall, within three years thereafter complete the same, and all of the equipment of said system shall be built and constructed in a good and workmanlike manner and of good substantial material.

2. All poles shall be of such size, grade and material, and shall be so located and erected as to conform to the instructions and regulations of the Street Superintendent of said City of Tropico.

3. All wires and cross-arms extending over, or along any street, alley, lane, highway or public place shall be not less than twenty (20) feet above ground; and all of said wires and cross-arms used in said system shall be constructed, placed and maintained in conformity with the instructions and regulations of said Street Superintendent of the City of Tropico; and all telephone lines constructed or operated under said franchise shall have a full, metallic circuit. And all telephones supplied and furnished by any person, firm or corporation for use in telephoning by the City of Tropico or the inhabitants thereof shall be in such condition and so connected as that they shall transmit and receive words and sentences when spoken by human voice in ordinary clear tones in such a manner as that such words and sentences can be easily heard and distinguished at the receiving telephone.

4. All conduits shall be placed not less than two (2) feet under ground, shall be located and maintained so as not to interfere with the traveling public in the use of such streets, alleys, lanes, highways and other public places, nor prevent the proper authorities of said City from improving, repairing, altering, sewering or using the same for any other purpose; and all of said conduits shall be so located, constructed and maintained as to conform to the instructions, rules and regulations of said Street Superintendent of the City of Tropico, provided, however, that such telephone and telegraph system shall at all times be constructed, maintained and operated in conformity with the laws and regulations of the State of California.

5. In the event the said grantee, his or its successors or assigns, shall fail to comply with the instructions, laws and regulations of said Street Superintendent with respect to location, erection and maintenance of said poles, wires and conduits, within the time prescribed by said Street Superintendent, after the service of written notice so to do upon said grantee, his or its successors or assigns, or upon the local manager thereof, then said Street Superintendent may immediately cause said poles, wires and conduits to be made to conform to his instructions, rules and regulations, at the cost and expense of said grantee, his or its successors or assigns, the said cost, together with the penalty of twenty-five (25) per cent thereon, the grantee, his or its successors or assigns, do by the acceptance of this franchise agree to pay, upon demand, to the City of Tropico.

6. The Board of Trustees of the City of Tropico shall expressly reserve the right to require said grantee, his or its successors or assigns, to remove such poles, wires and other conductors from any portion or portions, of the business part of said City, and to place said wires in conduits, when in its judgment, the public welfare shall require the same; and such changes as shall be ordered under this paragraph shall be done by the grantee, his or its successors or assigns, within such time as may be specified by said Board of Trustees.

7. The grantee of said franchise, his or its successors or assigns, shall, immediately after the commencement of the operation of the business thereunder, furnish to the City of Tropico not exceeding five (5) free telephones, to be installed at places designated by said Board of Trustees, and connected with the telephone system of said grantee, his or its successors or assigns, and shall change the location of the same when required so to do by said Board of Trustees; and shall furnish, maintain and keep the same in good repair and working order during the term of said franchise without expense or charge to the City of Tropico; provided that said telephones for City use shall only be installed as the same are ordered by the Board of Trustees for the use of the officers of said City in the transaction of their official business.

8. The grantee, his or its successors or assigns, shall, during the term of said franchise, furnish and grant to the City of Tropico the free use of the necessary pins on the top cross-arm of each of the poles erected, or the necessary space in the conduits, maintained under said franchise, for the purpose of stringing or carrying such wires as shall be needed for the use of said City for police or fire alarm purposes.

9. The grantee, his or its successors or assigns, shall not, without the consent of the City of Tropico evidenced by Ordinance, sell, transfer, assign or lease said telephone, telegraph, district messenger or burglar alarm system, or any part thereof, or any of the rights or privileges authorized or granted in said franchise; shall not at any time enter into any combination, directly or indirectly, with any person, firm or corporation, fixing the rate to be charged for telephone, telegraph, district messenger or burglar alarm service, and no officer, employee or manager of the telephone, telegraph, district messenger and burglar alarm system, authorized under this franchise, shall at the same time be in charge of, or in the employ of any other telephone, telegraph, district messenger or burglar alarm system, operating in said City.

10. The grantee, his or its successors or assigns, of said franchise, shall, during the life thereof, pay to the City of Tropico, in lawful money of the United States, two (2) per centum of the gross annual receipts arising from the use, operation or possession thereof; and also including two (2) per centum of the gross annual receipts credited to the local exchange arising fom the furnishing of telephone service or from the making of telephone connections within the City of Tropico with any telephone outside of the City of Tropico; and this franchise being in lieu of a right, franchise or privilege now being used and exercised in said City of Tropico, the payment of said percentage shall commence with the granting of this franchise, and it shall be the duty of the grantee, his or its successors and assigns to file with the City Clerk of the City of Tropico, at the expiration of one year from the date of the granting of said franchise, and at the expiration of each and every year thereafter, during the term thereof, a statement, verified by the oath of said grantee, or his successors or assigns, or by the oath of the manager, or presiding officer of said grantee, its successors or assigns, showing the total gross receipts arising from the use, operation, or possession of said franchise, during the year next preceding, and within thirty (30) days thereafter said grantee, his or its successors or assigns, shall pay to the City Treasurer of the City of Tropico such sum as may then be due by reason of said percentage; provided that any neglect, omission or refusal by said grantee, his or its successors or assigns, to file said verified statement, or to pay said percentage at the time and in the manner hereinbefore provided, shall in itself work a forfeiture of said franchise and of all the rights of said grantee, his or its successors or assigns; and said City of Tropico, through its proper officers, agents or special employees for that purpose, shall have the right to examine the books of said grantee, his or its successors or assigns, for the purpose of ascertaining the amount that may be due said City on account of said franchise.

11. In said franchise the City of Tropico shall reserve the right to fix the rates to be charged for rental and other services rendered by the grantee, his or its successors or assigns, under said franchise, and the same shall be fixed by the Board of Trustees of said City of Tropico.

12. Said franchise shall not be exclusive, but the rights and privileges, or any of them, may be granted by the City of Tropico, in part or in whole, to any other person, firm or corporation.

13. That each and all of the terms, conditions and provisions of the said franchise are to be kept and performed by said grantee, his or its successors or assigns, and shall be declared therein to be conditions precedent to the continuation of the rights and privileges therein granted by said City, and the failure by the grantee, his or its successors or assigns, to keep and perform any one of said terms, provisions or conditions, by it to be kept and performed as hereinbefore set forth, and a continuation of such failure after a notice of thirty (30) days, in writing, given to it by said City of Tropico, through its proper officers, shall ipso facto terminate said franchise, and the same, with all the rights and privileges therein granted, shall be forfeited and said franchise shall thereupon be null and void.

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids in writing will be received at the office of said Board of Trustees for said franchise up to 7:30 o'clock P. M. on the 4th day of September, 1912.

That the bids received will be opened at that time; that all bids must be for the payment of a stated sum in gold coin of the United States; and that the franchise will be struck off, sold and awarded to the person, firm or corporation who shall make the highest cash bid therefor, provided, only, that at the time of opening said bids, any responsible person, firm or corporation present or represented, may bid for said franchise a sum not less than ten per cent above the highest sealed bid therefor, and that said bid so made may be raised not less than ten per cent by any other responsible bidder, and said bidding may so continue until finally said franchise shall be struck off, sold and awarded by said Board of Trustees to the highest bidder therefor in gold coin of the United States, and provided further that the Board of Trustees reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

Each sealed bid must be accompanied with cash, or a certified check, payable to the City Treasurer of said City, for the full amount of said bid, and no sealed bid will be considered unless said cash or check is enclosed therewith, and the successful bidder must deposit at least ten per cent. of the amount of his bid with the Clerk of said City before said franchise will be struck off to him, and if he shall fail to make such deposit immediately, his bid will not be received and will be considered as void and said franchise will then and there be offered for sale to the bidder who shall make the highest cash bid therefor, subject to the same conditions as to deposit as above mentioned. Said procedure will be had until said franchise is struck off, sold and awarded to a bidder who shall make the necessary deposit of at least ten per cent. of the amount of his bid, as herein provided. Said successful bidder shall deposit with the City Clerk within twenty-four hours after the acceptance of his bid the remaining ninety per cent. of the amount thereof, and in case he or it fails to do so, then the said deposit theretofore made will be forfeited, and the award of said franchise will be void, and said franchise will then and there, by said Board of Trustees, be again offered for sale to the highest bidder therefor, in the same manner and under the same restrictions as hereinbefore provided and in case said bidder fails to deposit with the City Clerk the remaining ninety per cent. of his bid within twenty-four hours after its acceptance, the award to him of said franchise will be set aside, and the deposit theretofore made by him will be forfeited and no further proceedings for the sale of said franchise will be had until the same shall be re-advertised for sale.

Notice is also hereby given that the successful bidder for said franchise must within five days after said franchise is awarded to him or it file with said Board of Trustees a bond running to said City in the penal sum of One Thousand Dollars, with at least two good and sufficient sureties, to be approved by said Board of Trustees, conditioned that said bidder shall well and truly observe, fulfill and perform each and every term and condition of said franchise, and that in case of any breach of condition of said bond, the whole amount of the penal sum therein named shall be taken and deemed to be liquidated damages and shall be recoverable from the principal and sureties upon said bond. If said bond be not so filed, the award of said franchise will be set aside, and any money paid therefor will be forfeited.

By order of the Board of Trustees of the City of Tropico.

(SEAL) S. M. STREET,
City Clerk and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Board of Trustees of the City of Tropico, County of Los Angeles, California.

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NOTICE!

In accordance with section 7, Ordinance No. 24, the Board of Trustees of the City of Tropico hereby orders that all dogs within the City limits of the City of Tropico shall be prohibited from running at large on any street, lane, alley or other public place in such City, unless securely muzzled or led by a chain or line, so as to effectually prevent them from biting any person or animal.

"It shall be the duty of the City Marshal, after twenty-four hours from the publishing of this order, to kill all dogs found unmuzzled or running at large contrary to this order." This Order will continue in effect for the next sixty days.

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TUESDAY, AUGUST 13 1912

CANDIDATES FOR THE ASSEMBLY

The announcement of J. C. Sherer of Glendale, as a candidate for the assembly from this, the 61st district, is elsewhere made. Mr. Sherer is a straight Republican, so straight that he has the appearance of a political swayback. In his effort to preserve his equilibrity he inclines to go backward instead of forward. We are not prepared to say that this is to his discredit, however. It has simply served to unfit him for a preferential climb after official favors and keep him at the bottom of the ladder of fame, upon which as a dextrous performer he is pre-eminently fitted to shine. Having never been reformed, he does not pose as a "reformer," as it's too common; is denied the aureola of transfiguration, in the glitter and glory of which most up-to-date Republicans delight; maintains the quiet simplicity of an honest, old-fashioned Republican, placidly resisting the rude jostlings of the onrushing hosts of Armageddon, bidding them go on with their old boat, as he "don't believe there is going to be much of a storm anyway." From an intimate acquaintance with Mr. Sherer of a full quarter of a century we are ready to testify that in all that period his career has been by no means a devastating one, and that, judging his future by his past, the sacred trusts of an assemblyman would be safe in his hands.

Besides Mr. Sherer, the country is supporting Mr. R. W. Ready of La Canyada for the assembly; and by the way it would seem to be no more than just and fair that the 61st district's assemblyman should be from the country. In territorial extent the district is one of the largest, if not the largest in the county, with a small slice of East Los Angeles. But a bunch of Los Angeles "bosses" has endorsed a city candidate. This is not as it should be. The city man should be withdrawn and the field left clear for the two country contestants. Mr. Ready is a Progressive Republican and this is his platform:

SOME OF THE THINGS THAT I FAVOR

First—The repeal of the poll tax law.
Second—Free school books.
Third—Home rule in taxation.
Fourth—Women having the same legal rights as men.
Fifth—The election of U. S. Senators by direct vote.
Sixth—Laws that will protect the masses as against the classes.

I AM OPPOSED

First—To child labor.
Second—To prize fights.
Third—To a plutocratic form of government.

Aversion to tying the city to a private corporation for an electric lighting system is general and pronounced. But matters have reached the point from which it is clear that it is either electric lights from a private corporation's system or no lights at all for some time to come. A majority of the taxpayers of the city will not petition for a bond issue for the purchase of a system to be municipally owned and controlled, and "there you are." Out of 531 taxpayers on the tax-roll of last year only 166, or 100 less than a majority, are willing to sign such a petition. So that a municipally owned plant is an exploded idea. Indeed, from a careful study of the situation we are satisfied the great majority of the inhabitants of the city, while they clamor lustily for street lights, do not care the snap of a finger for the service otherwise. With the matter of poles and wire out of the way the offer of Los Angeles would be accepted with avidity. The same obstacle is in the way of a favorable consideration of the offer of Glendale. It is useless to say that the taxpayers of the city refused to sign the petition for the bond issue because of a want of definite information as to how the proceeds of it were to be applied, at least when an easier and better explanation is at hand, namely: That the burden of the bonds is undesirable. Their arrangements for lights are satisfactory as they are.

The next best thing for the trustees to do, therefore, is to do as they no doubt will do next Thursday night, enter into a contract with the Pacific Light & Power Co. by the terms of which the city is to have its streets lighted at $1 per month per light, and the homes of its inhabitants, upon application, at the same rate as that of the city of Glendale at all times, provided that not later than January 1, 1913, the rate shall be reduced to 8 cents.

We are constrained to add that this is not only the next best thing, but the only thing for the trustees to do under the circumstances. For several reasons Tropico will have the advantage over Glendale by reason of it, not the least of which is escape from a bond burden as well as cost and expense of operation and upkeep.

THE TROPICO WATER COMPANY

Its Purposes and Stock Issue

Nine years ago the 19th of August, the Tropico Water company of this city amended its articles of incorporation and declared its purposes to be; "To secure, manage and control for the mutual benefit of its stockholders, and not for profit, an adequate supply of water for the irrigation of their lands, and for domestic use, and in that connection to purchase, acquire, condemn, own, hold, sell and convey real and personal property, water, water-bearing land, water rights, rights of way, easements, licences and privileges; to include shares of stock in other water companies; to own, acquire by purchase, construct, operate and maintain canals, reservoirs, ditches, pipe lines, pumping works, machinery, buildings and other such means, agencies and appliances as the board of directors of the corporation may from time to time consider necessary or advisable for developing, pumping or storing, gathering, conveying and distributing such water.

On the 22nd day of December following (1903), the company's capital stock was increased from 1046 shares of $5.00 each, $5,320,000 to 5,000 shares of $5.00 each, $25,000.00.

At all times a share of this stock has represented pipe service for a share of one ten-thousandth of the water of Verdugo canyon, which belonged as an appurtenance to the lands owned by the stockholders of the company in the district to whom shares of stock had been issued. There were in addition to this number 33.5 shares of the water of the canyon appurtenant to lands in the company's district for which no stock certificates for pipe service had been issued. This made 1,079 shares of canyon water under the company's system of reservoir and pipe service, Dec. 22, 1903.

Added to this supply from the canyon source, between the 14th day of July, 1904 and the 12th day of July, 1906, in exchange for the company's shares of stock and reservoir and pipe service, were 899 shares of canyon water from lands to which the same were appurtenant outside the company's district, and, with the exception of 135.75 shares, outside the company's range of service. This raised the company's canyon supply for pipe and reservoir service within the district to 1978.5 shares of canyon water, and its stock issue, including the company's shareholders' exchange of canyon water for shares of stock and the sale of 104.5 shares for cash, to 3,163 shares, leaving 1,837 shares of the company's stock remaining in the company's treasury.

This was the condition of the company's canyon water supply and stock issue on the 8th day of October, 1906, to which time our information regarding these matters is from official data.

But our hearsay information is that 1,800 of these shares of treasury stock were sold to H. H. Davenport for $9,000 cash, which was used in squaring an indebtedness the company had incurred in cementing the reservoir, laying new pipe mains and drilling for water near the company's reservoir site.

The company's issue of bonds, some three or four years ago, mainly for the purchase of the Griswold pumping plant is a matter entirely separate and distinct from the question of serving the district with canyon water.

It is true the company did, some four years ago, with the consent of its stockholders, convey the property of the company to a trustee to be held in trust for the security of the payment of its bonds issued for this purchase, but that this conveyance had the effect to convey appurtenant rights to water in Verdugo canyon and subject them to transfer from the land of the territory to which they were made appurtenant by the decree of court in 1871 is by no means true.

It seems clear, therefore, that if the city of Tropico would purchase and own the property of the Tropico Water company, it should purchase the company's shares of stock that represents it (subject of course to the deed of trust mentioned), which is held for the most part, as we understand, by the Glendale Consolidated Water company or its pledgee. The question is will the city of Tropico purchase this stock? Is it advisable for the city to attempt it?

EDITORIAL COMMENTS

What will the politicians of Tropico do for a stock in trade when it is discovered that the old issue of annexation to Glendale is dead, buried and forgotten by everybody but them?

Say, fellows, this thing of stalking the ghost of consolidation with Glendale every time a measure of vital concern to the joint welfare of the two cities is proposed, is not only tiresome, it is sickening.

Tropico has the honor of having had the first bid for furnishing aqueduct-produced electric energy by Los Angeles in competition with big private corporations, thanks to a delegation of citizens headed by Mayor Bancroft.

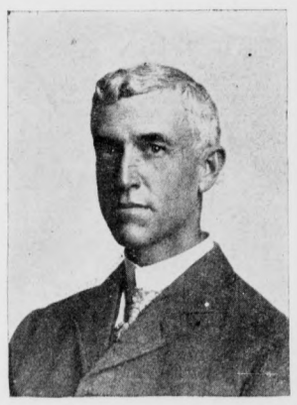
Our contention that the water of Verdugo canyon from which the supply of the inhabitants of Tropico for their domestic and irrigating purposes is taken is "free water" and should not be considered in an appraisement of the property of the Tropico Water Company as a part of the basis of service-rate fixing, is sustained by Judge Woods of the Superior Court in the Hollywood case, as follows: "Water companies which draw upon nature for their liquid supply, to be distributed to patrons, are but common carriers and are not entitled to place a monetary valuation upon this water taken from underground or other sources, which makes of the water common rather than private property."

The effect of the ruling is to sustain the city of Los Angeles in the enforcement of an ordinance reducing the Hollywood Company's service rate from $1.60 to $1.25 per thousand gallons.

We are charged with the suppression of the publication of facts the public ought to know about. Without stopping to question the truth or justice of the charge we want to say here and now, once and for all, that the columns of this paper are open and free to the communication of any fact of concern to the public. As our space is limited, brevity and pointedness is requested. Personalities, except as the facts warrant them, must be omitted. Views and discussions of public questions are invited. It ought to be if it is not known to everybody in this community, that the editor and proprietor of this paper has no personal ambitions to serve; is neither a boss nor a bossed; is willing to serve the few remaining days of a somewhat over-lengthened term of life "in the ranks," to the best of his ability, for the common good. Used to the buffetings of the storms of life, he gives them little heed, and passes on.

Things are still coming the Tropico way and this time by leaps and bounds—on all sides, but more particularly the top side. On the East we are to have a railway connection with Los Angeles and a fare of five cents a way per trip; on the West the addition of a subdivision to our logical and legitimate belongings of the entire Richardson Ranch south of Tropico Avenue and west of the Southern Pacific railway, all to be under the management and control, backing and ownership of one of the largest, strongest, richest, sanest, soundest, safest, surest, broadest and superlatively best of all the mighty syndicates of the city of Los Angeles. People, do you realize the meaning of all this? It means the building up of the section in and about Tropico with homes and institutions in number and excellence that will make the Pico Heights section look like "thirty cents," and turn green with envy our neighbors on the north.

California's delegation to the National Republican Convention at Chicago, to take part in the nomination of candidates for the Presidency, were commissioned to go thither as republicans. They have finally returned, but flying the banner of another, new, political organization with a brand new name and a brand new platform, together with the nominations of Theodore Roosevelt of New York for President and Hiram W. Johnson of California for Vice President. The name of this new organization is the Progressive Party. The P. P. will no doubt rely on California republicans for help to pull it through, or "put it over" as the sports say.



J. C. RIVES

Patience and Great Legal Ability in Settling Estates

The Probate Department of the Superior Court of Los Angeles county handles business to the extent of $50,000,000 annually. The amount represented in cases now in process of probate will exceed $300,000,000.

Millions upon millions of dollars' worth of trust property is under the direct control of the probate judge. He has handled many of the greatest estates in the country, some of which are still passing through the court. As many special proceedings are necessary, an immense amount of work is involved, the volume of which grows larger each year. For its population, Los Angeles has the largest amount of probate business of any county in the United States.

Among the large estates handled in this court are the Baldwin, Mullen, de Geyser, Little, Jones, Hellman, Bicknell, Toberman, Van Nuys, Ballerino, Porter, McNally, Whiting, de Groot, Bergin, Bryson, Keating, Eyraud, Meier and Gilmore. These estates will average over $1,000,000.

The Probate Court is the great clearinghouse where sacred trusts and promises are fulfilled. It devolves upon the probate judge to protect the rights of the absent heirs, however remote they may be, and distinguish between lawful heirs and bogus claimants. It is the probate judge who sees that the wishes of dead men and women as expressed in their wills are carried into effect.

It has been said that during the lives of one generation, all titles to all property change through the medium of the Probate Court. It is certain that few persons realize the tremendous volume of business that passes through this department.

The Probate Court looks just like any other department of the Superior Court. There is nothing to dsitinguish it from other courts where matters between man and man are adjusted. But after one passes through the swinging doors, a difference is felt. There is something in the atmosphere that warns one great interests are at stake. The lawyers interrogate the witnesses in subdued tones; the judge leans forward in a confidential attitude. It may be the estate of a multi-millionaire or the bit of land left by a widow—the same painstaking interest is shown.

Strictly speaking, this county has no Probate Court such as is known in many states, but instead, the Superior Court has jurisdiction over the estates of deceased persons, incompetents, minors and all trust matters.

Great Business Here

Los Angeles county is the largest county government west of Cook county, Ill., and according to population, has the largest amount of probate business of any city in the United States. One chief reason is that thousands of persons come to Southern California seeking health and to pass their declining years. Another reason is that the administration of the affairs of deceased persons is controlled by statutes which must be strictly followed and the proceeding necessitates many court appearances in each estate.

Judge Rives, who presides over all matters of probate, exercises a legal and paternal supervision over the property of those who are unable to care for themselves. The work in Department Two moves with clock-like precision.

In 1911 the cases filed numbered 2271. Many special proceedings are necessary in each case, ranging from ten to fifty. Many thousands of probate cases are being administered, and the volume grows larger each year. Guardianship estates last during minority and necessarily accumulate year after year until they alone amount to thousands of cases.

An idea of the work of the court may be gleaned from the fact that last year the probate proceedings aggregated 8520; adoptions, seventy-nine; divorce cases, twenty-two; miscellaneous civil cases, sixteen; contests (wills and heirships) twenty-one; heard but not on calendar, 352; making a grand total of 9010 proceedings.

Two of the above contests took two and three days each week for three months and many others required several days each. During the same period Judge Rives made and signed 5364 orders and decrees of various kinds. In addition he passes upon all claims of every kind presented, and makes an order approving or disallowing them. Hundreds of ex-parte and chamber orders are made, such as fixing fees, commissions and allowances for support, all of which are of the greatest importance and require time and attention.

Some Side Issues

This does not comprise all the work that Judge Rives does, as there are many interviews with attorneys, executors and administrators on matters concerning the interest of estates.

The investment of children's money often occupies Judge Rives' attention and frequently he takes it upon himself to inspect the property which is the subject of consideration.

Two able judges in the city and county of San Francisco devote their time almost wholly to a smaller volume of probate work. Judge Rives however, says he can do still more.

"There is no fairer bar in the world than ours," he declared recently. "The lawyers believe in me, and I trust them. In five years nearly all of the lawyers in this county have appeared before me many times, and in the thousands of court proceedings I recall but a single instance when I believed the attorney tried to deceive me.

"The integrity of our bar, efficient clerks and an improved plan of disposing of matters enable me to do the work with great satisfaction to myself, and I hope, to the public."

What Judge Rives is too modest to say, but which all the lawyers assert is the real reason why the Probate Court has a record unexcelled in this country, is that he has "horse sense," patience, good humor and a sound knowledge of the law.

CANDIDACY OF CHARLES WELLBORN

At the solicitation of thirty of the leading members of the bar of Los Angeles county, as well as of heads of departments and other officials of the city, Charles Wellborn, member of the public service commission, has announced his candidacy for the superior bench of the county.

The members of the bar association, including such men as W. J. Hunsaker, T. E. Gibbon, Oscar A. Trippet, L. H. Valentine, John W. Kemp, Wheaton L. Gray, John D. Pope, Sheldon Borden, E. W. Britt, George H. Smith, John C. North, Lucius K. Chase, G. C. De Garmo, John G. Mott, Charles Davis and others, in the communication which they all signed and sent to Mr. Wellborn said: "We are vitally interested in the election of honest, able and conscientious superior court judges. The volume and importance of the business transacted by our superior court require that these positions be filled by lawyers of known ability, experience and integrity. We are convinced that you possess all these qualifications, and are especially well qualified for a judicial position, and therefore urge that you become a candidate at the coming primary election." The signers also promise to give Wellborn active support in the campaign.

About the same time a petition was circulated at the city hall, headed by Mayor Alexander and signed by C. H. Hance, Walter Mallard, W. M. Humphreys, John S. Meyers, Lorin A. Handley, George W. McDill, Geo. G. Anderson, Roland P. Bishop, W. T. Bishop, Frank F. Schumacher, Percy F. Schumacher, Richard M. Bishop and others, asking Wellborn to run. To both he gave a favorable answer.

Mr. Wellborn is the oldest son of Judge Olin Wellborn, United States judge in this district. He was born in Atlanta, Ga., in 1867, and lived for a short time in Texas, where his father was elected to congress, and took his family to Washington. There the son received most of his education and attended Columbian university, being graduated from the law department. He came to California in 1887 and settled in San Diego, where he was admitted to the bar and entered the offices of a firm composed of Judge Wellborn, John D. Works and John T. Jones. He came to Los Angeles in 1896 and has lived there since and practiced law continuously.

In 1911 Mr. Wellborn was one of those "drafted" by the mayor to serve on the police commission. He made an excellent record and at the end of a year was promoted by the mayor to the public service commission, formerly the water board. He is still serving there. He has been active in the Good Government organization and its various campaigns and has served the city in other ways. He was a member of the charter amendment committee appointed by the council in 1909 and is now serving as a member of the city board of freeholders, and the county board of freeholders, which are preparing new charters for the city and county, respectively. During his service on these boards he has devoted a great deal of time to the study of municipal charters and has become a recognized authority on such subjects.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

General Election November 5, 1912.
Primary Election September 3, 1912

Paul J. McCormick

(Incumbent)
Judge of Department 12 of the Superior Court
Announces his candidacy to succeed himself as Judge of the Superior Court of Los Angeles County. You may vote for 5 persons for Judge of the Superior Court, as there are 5 vacancies to be filled. Remember there are no party nominations of any kind for Judicial offices, and you may vote for any 5 candidates regardless of your party affiliations.

JAMES C. RIVES
Incumbent
Judge of the Superior Court, Los Angeles County
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Candidate for Re-election; Primary — Sept. 3, 1912.

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No. 21448
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of George William Strobel, deceased.

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned executrix of the Estate of George William Strobel, deceased, to the Creditors of, and all persons having claims against the said deceased, to exhibit the same with the necessary vouchers, within four months after the first publication of this notice to the said executrix at the office of her attorney, Henry G. Pettit, 912 California Building, in the City of Los Angeles, County of Los Angeles, State of California.

Dated this 12th day of August, A. D., 1912.

ANNA FRANCES STROBEL.
Henry G. Pettit, Tanner, Taft & Odell, Attorneys for Estate.

CERTIFICATE OF BUSINESS
Fictitious Firm Name

The undersigned do hereby certify that they are conducting a confectionery business known as the "St. Clair Candy Works," at 432-4 Wall Street, 212 West Fifth Street, and 525 South Main Street, all in the City of Los Angeles, County of Los Angeles, State of California, under the fictitious firm name of JAMES EVERGREEN COMPANY, and that said firm is composed of the following persons, whose names and addresses are as follows, to-wit:

James Evergreen, 1627 West Pico Street, Los Angeles, Cal.
Nickolas Tasipoulous, 1627 West Pico Street, Los Angeles, Cal.
Constant Evergreen, 1627 West Pico Street, Los Angeles, Cal.

Witness our hands this 6th day of August, 1912.

JAMES EVERGREEN.
NICKOLAS TASIPOULOUS.
CONSTANT EVERGREEN.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
County of Los Angeles.)ss

On this 6th day of August, in the year nineteen hundred and twelve, before me, Henry G. Pettit, a Notary Public in and for said County, residing therein, duly commissioned and sworn, personally appeared James Evergreen, Nickolas Tasipoulous and Constant Evergreen, known to me to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that they executed the same.

Witness my hand and official seal.
(SEAL) HENRY G. PETTIT.
Notary Public in and for said County of Los Angeles, State of California. Aug. 13-4t

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